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Dear [REDACTED]

Please forgive me for not writing sooner, but the mounting work load and Spring vacation sidetracked me.

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Let me thank you very much for all your help in arranging [REDACTED] day on campus. It was well received by all his audiences. Professor Shulman was pleased with his participation in our Seminar and my colleagues were uniformly pleased with his gifts. (eg: Politiboro charts, etc.)

The Debate Council members were treated to a solid analysis geared to their level of sophistication and flexible enough to answer all their questions. In addition we have received many nice comments about [REDACTED] ability to speak candidly and freely with students during our "brown bag lunch". Overall the visit was a success.

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Personally, it was a pleasure to meet [REDACTED] and work with you on this project. Please pass along our thanks to the appropriate people. I hope that we can arrange a similar effort next year, or as Professor Shulman suggested "a pattern for sharing with each other".

Thanks again for your interest and cooperation. Wish best wishes I remain,

Sincerely,

Daniel Flanberg
Director of Debate

29 March 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Coordinator for Academic Relations, CPS
THRU : Director, ORPA *CKK*
SUBJECT : Briefings at Columbia University

1. On 9 March I spoke to three different groups at Columbia in my capacity as a CIA analyst of Soviet affairs. The visit was originally scheduled to address the Columbia Debating Council on succession problems in the USSR and China. As time went on, however, it expanded to include a session with students interested in Soviet affairs generally, and 1 1/2 hours with Marshall Shulman's graduate seminar on Soviet affairs. I was accompanied at all three sessions by Daniel Flamberg, a graduate student who is Director of Debate at the University.

2. The day began with the general session over a brown-bag lunch lasting almost two hours. It had been advertised by Flamberg in a notice to heads of various student organizations, and was strictly a question-and-answer session. It ranged wide over internal, foreign policy, and strategic military matters with the recent Team A and Team B estimate a matter of considerable interest. The numbers varied at any time from about six to twenty students, fluctuating as classes changed.

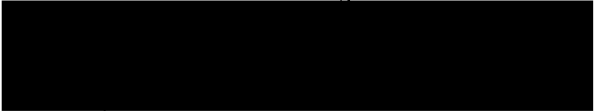
3. I then proceeded to Shulman's graduate seminar, at which I spoke about the succession problem in the USSR. The seminar comprised about 16 students. I passed out copies of two CRS Soviet leadership charts which were extremely well received and, citing examples, attempted to provide an understanding of how we analyzed the current leadership lineup. Professor Shulman contributed to the discussion and at the end of the seminar expressed enthusiasm for this sort of exercise. Upon hearing that my major interest was Sino-Soviet affairs he voiced regret that we had no time to discuss that subject. Shulman, incidentally, made it a point to keep copies of the CRS charts.

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Curious! Shulman is
one of the regular recipients
of our reference and mailings

4. My final stop was the debate council where I spoke for about 30 minutes on succession problems in the USSR and China, followed by over an hour of questions. Flamberg finally called an end to the session because it was after 6 p.m.

5. At no time did I encounter any hostility because of my CIA connection. At all three sessions the questions were vigorous and well-informed.

6. I never fail to come away from this sort of exercise without feeling that it is a very worthwhile venture on the Agency's part. In this case over 50 Columbia students were exposed to a CIA analyst in a favorable atmosphere and given the opportunity to judge for themselves his professionalism and expertise. This particular visit had the considerable added benefit of allowing us to make a contact with and provide a service for Marshall Shulman who now, in his role as special advisor to Secretary Vance for Soviet affairs, is in a sensitive policy making government position.



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██████████'s recent visit to Columbia seems to have been quite a success by all accounts. It is precisely this kind of substantive exchange with outside specialists that we plan to do more of.

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